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1. G-77 HAS BEEN IN SOME DISARRAY AND INDICISION AS OF END
OF FIRST WEEK. MEMBERS HAVE YET TO MEET AS GROUP AND THEIR
IDEAS ABOUT HANDLING THIS SESSION ARE YET TO APPEAR. IN THE
MEANTIME LDC STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN RATHER MODERATE IN TONE AND
WITH LITTLE SUGGESTION OF CONFRONTATION EXCEPT FOR STATEMENT
BY NIGERIA AS SPOKESMAN FOR G-77 LISTING LONG SERIES OF
DEMANDS (SEE SEPTTEL). EXPLANATION FOR THIS SITUATION
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APPEARED TO BE PRIOR DECISION BY G-77 TO MAKE CONCURRENT

MEETING OF UNIDO II AT LIMA AS MAJOR FORUM TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS AT THIS TIME AS EVIDENCED BY FEB. MEETING OF G-77 AT ALGIERS WHICH FOCUSED ON UNIDO; BY DEPARTURE OF KEY UNCTAD FIGURES (E.G. BRILLANTES, PHILIPPINES) FOR LIMA MEETING; AND BY COMPETING ATTRACTION GATT/MTN WHICH DIVERTING KEY LDC REPS; AND BY FACT ALGERIA NOT MEMBER TDB BUT ONLY "PARTICIPANT." SEEMS CLEAR WE ARE FACING "SECOND TEAM."

2. INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES ON OTHER HAND ARE IN DIFFERENT POSITION. FOLLOWING REVIEW OF ISSUES FOR '75 AND GENERAL CONCERTING OF VIEWS AT OECD AD HOC COMMITTEE IN PARIS, GROUP B UNDER U.S. LEAD WAS ABLE TO AGREE FORTHCOMING STATEMENT OF VIEWS AND PROCEDURE FOR SESSION WITHIN 24 HOURS FROM FIRST SUGGESTION TO AGREED END PRODUCT. SEE GENEVA 1744. WITH QUICK INTRODUCTION AT PLENARY OF THIS STATEMENT, GROUP B HAS TAKEN INITIATIVE. WE PLAN TO EXPLOIT THIS POSITION BY FOLLOW-UP PROPOSALS ON "AGREED CONCLUSIONS" WHICH, WITH COMMENTARY ON THOSE NON-AGREED, COULD BE PRINCIPAL ACTION OF TDB SESSION. AS OF WEEKEND GROUP B DRAFTING STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC SITUATION AS IT AFFECTS IDS AND STATEMENT OF PROGRESS IN ACHIEVING IDS TARGETS.

3. DRAFTING OF AGREED CONCLUSIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY GROUP B NEXT WEEK ALTHOUGH RESERVATIONS ON TAKING THIS ACTION EXPRESSED BY KAPAN AND EC REPS. CANADA IS "FOCAL POINT" OF OPEN-ENDED GROUP. PLENARY DEBATE WILL CONTINUE THROUGH MONDAY. CONTACT GROUP, WHICH IS DE FACTO OPEN-ENDED, WILL HOLD FIRST SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION TUESDAY A.M. "OFFICIAL" GROUP B MEMBERS ARE AUSTRALIA AS GROUP B CHAIRMAN, UNITED STATES, CANADA JAPAN, EC, PLUS ONE SCANDINAVIAN, BUT ALL MAY BE PRESENT AND MAY SPEAK. DALE

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